

## International Colloquium

### **BYSTANDERS, RESCUERS OR PERPETRATORS?** **THE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND THE SHOAH**

Madrid, November 24-26, 2014

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24	
09h30	<p><b><u>Welcome and Opening</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tba)</li> <li>Sir Andrew Burns, UK Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues, Chairman of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)</li> </ul>
10h30	<p><b><u>Keynote lecture</u></b></p> <p>"The Questions of the Jewish Refugees" Susanne Heim, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, München.</p> <p>Chair: Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris.</p>
11h15	Coffee Break
11h45	<p><b><u>Panel 1: Policies towards Jewish Refugees before the War (1933 – 1939)</u></b></p> <p>Introduction and chair: Jacobo Israel, writer and author. Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avraham Milgram, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem (on Portugal)</li> <li>Salomé Lienert, University of Basel (on Switzerland)</li> <li>Pontus Rudberg, HVC, Uppsala University (on Sweden)</li> <li>Corry Guttstadt, author of "Turkey, the Jews and the Holocaust", research fellow at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem (on Turkey)</li> </ul>
14h00	Lunch break
15h30	<p><b><u>Panel 2: Policies towards Jewish Refugees during the War (1939 – 1945)</u></b></p> <p>Introduction and chair: Haim Avni, Prof. emeritus, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Fivaz-Silbermann, Université de Genève (on Switzerland)</li> <li>Claudia Ninhos, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (on Portugal)</li> <li>Josep Calvet, Universidad de Lleida (on Spain)</li> </ul>
18h00	End of first conference day.
19h00	<p><b><u>Public evening lecture (in Spanish)</u></b></p> <p>"España y el Holocausto. Historia, Memoria y Olvido" Alejandro Baer, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota</p>

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25	
09h30	<p><b><u>Panel 3: Reactions to the German Ultimatum on the Repatriation of Jews</u></b></p> <p>Chair: Thomas Lutz, Topographie of Terror Foundation, Berlin.</p> <p>Introduction: "Origins of the German Ultimatum in 1942-1943 to Repatriate Jews with Neutral Citizenship". Corry Gutstadt, author of "Turkey, the Jews and the Holocaust", research fellow at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irene Pimentel, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (on Portugal)</li> <li>• Izzet Bahar, University of Pittsburgh (on Turkey)</li> <li>• Bernd Rother, author of "Franco y el Holocausto", Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt Foundation (on Spain)</li> </ul>
11h30	Coffee break
12h00	<p>"The approach of the War Refugee Board to the neutral countries regarding the saving of Hungarian Jews" Rebecca Erbelding, USHMM, Washington</p> <p>Chair: Esther Mucznik, Mémoshoá, Lisbon.</p>
13h00	Lunch break
15h00	<p><b><u>Panel 4: Rescue Myth, Public Debates, Historical Investigations</u></b></p> <p>Chair: Eva Fried, Living History Forum, Sweden.</p> <p>Introduction: "The Politics of Rescue Myths. Lessons from Spain." Alejandro Baer, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Esra Özyürek, Institute for Turkish Studies, London School of Economics (on Turkey)</li> <li>• Karin Kvist, HVC, Uppsala University (on Sweden)</li> <li>• Anna Menny, Institut für die Geschichte der Deutschen Juden, Hamburg (on Spain)</li> <li>• Uki Gofni, author of "The Real Odessa" (on Argentine)</li> </ul> <p>Closing Remarks: The Swiss "Independent Commission of Experts" (1996-2002) François Wisard, History Unit of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.</p>
18h00	Break
19h00	<p><b><u>Public evening lecture (with translation into Spanish):</u></b></p> <p>"Was Rescue a Realistic Possibility During the Holocaust?" Prof. Yehuda Bauer, IHRA Honorary Chairman</p>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26	
09h30	<p><b><u>Panel 5: The Challenges of Holocaust Remembrance and Education in Neutral Countries</u></b></p> <p>Chair: François Wisard, History Unit of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natan Sznajder, Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo</li> <li>• Monique Eckmann, University of Applied Sciences, Geneva</li> <li>• Pinar Dost Niego, Galatasaray University, Istanbul</li> <li>• Marta Simó, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</li> </ul>
11h30	Break
11h45	<p><b><u>Final Round Table Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>Chair: Bülent Bilmez, Tarih Vakfı/History Foundation, Istanbul and Bernd Rother, Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt Foundation.</p> <p>“Current Debate and Research Perspectives on Neutral Countries during the Holocaust” Paul Levine, HVC, Uppsala University</p> <p>Discussion on further research desiderata and possible projects with representatives of the participating organizations.</p> <p>Closing remarks: Prof. Yehuda Bauer, IHRA Honorary Chairman</p>
13h30	End of conference

The primary aim of this colloquium is to foster a productive exchange between scholars, educators, multipliers and establish a basis for the development of international research and Holocaust remembrance and education projects.

Working language will be English and where appropriate with simultaneous translation.

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